



# The PaceSetter

*14th National Veterans Golden Age Games*

A daily production of the National Veterans Golden Age Games

Saturday, September 2, 2000

## *Topeka Welcomes Athletes!*

Welcome to Topeka, Kansas and the 2000 National Veterans Golden Age Games! The VA volunteers and staff are all here to make sure these are the best Games ever.

Nearly 500 veterans from around the nation will compete in various athletic events this weekend, and we know each athlete hopes to win a gold medal. Unfortunately, not everyone will leave with one. We are confident, however, that every veteran will leave here with a golden memory of the time spent at the Games in Topeka.

We'd like to welcome Houston Brumit, a native Texan and World War II veteran who, at last year's Games, received the George Ghangi Most Inspirational Athlete Award. His competitive spirit should motivate first-time participants, like Lawrence Bridgewater, the hometown athlete from Topeka, Kan., and Donald Tisch, who traveled all the way from La Jolla, Calif., to compete in the Games. We're happy to see all the returning and first-time athletes in Topeka and we wish you the best of luck in your events.

In addition to the sports and recreational competitions, there are many other activities going on this week that we hope you also enjoy. Each day there will be trips to local attractions and every night you will find entertainment and refreshments in the Exhibition Hall at the Kansas Expocenter.

We hope you enjoy our city, do well

in your competitions and don't hesitate to ask our VA staff in the royal blue shirts for any assistance you might need.

Thank you for coming - we look forward to meeting each one of you!

**The 14th National Veterans Golden Age  
Games Staff**

## Opening Ceremony

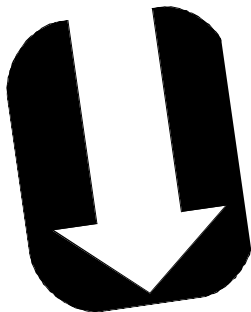
The Games just aren't complete without a spirited opening ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, in Exhibition Hall. Participants should arrive early to sit with their teams. There will be open seating for everyone, on a first come, first served basis, so get there early.

The parade of flags will be a good opportunity to show your pride and cheer for your state. And show your team spirit at the opening ceremony by wearing your team colors or the new 2000 Games T-shirt. The ceremonial lighting of the torch will get everyone ready to "Let the Games Begin!"

### Weather Corner

Mostly Sunny  
High: near 105 Low: mid-70's





# Event Notes

## Today's Schedule: Saturday, Sept. 2, 2000

9:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Registration, Emerald Room
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Sponsor Recognition Reception, Shawnee Room
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	"Old West" BBQ Buffet Dinner, Heritage Hall
5:30 - 9:00 p.m.	The Alferd Packer Memorial String Band, Gazebo area
7:00 p.m.	Sponsor Video, Heritage Hall
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Late Registration in the Emerald Room

## Tomorrow Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Pentathlon/Wheelchair Pentathlon
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Pentathlon/Wheelchair Pentathlon

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**Medical Needs** - Medical assistance is available at both hotels. At the Ramada Inn, the medical room is located in room 833. To call, dial #7 and then 833 from any hotel (house) phone. At the Capitol Plaza, the medical room is on the second floor in room 203, dial #7 and then 203.

**ID Badges/Meal Tickets** - Identification pouches will be distributed at registration. These contain the event schedule, a list of emergency numbers and meal tickets. Meal tickets are color coded for each day of the week. It is important that all participants and staff keep their ID pouches on them at all times. There is also a special ticket for tonight's Old Western BBQ Buffet Dinner, be sure to hang on to that!

**Transportation** - Buses will run between the Ramada Inn and the Expocenter from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., daily. The schedule is as follows:

- Buses will pick up passengers at the Ramada Inn at the hotel's front entrance (the south side, facing 6th St.) and depart for the Expocenter at the top of the hour - 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., etc.
- Buses will pick up passengers at the Expocenter on the north side of the building and return to the Ramada Inn every hour on the half-hour - 6:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., etc.

**Sunday Worship Services** - Held in the Expocenter, Pioneer Room.

- Catholic Mass - 8:00 a.m.
- Protestant Service - 9:00 a.m.

**Wheelchair Repair** - If you need help with wheelchair repair, visit the River Room at the Expocenter.

**Medal Presentations** - Award ceremonies will be held nightly at the Expocenter in the Shawnee Room from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Game Room Schedule** - Located in the Expocenter, Pioneer Room, the Game Room is open on Sunday, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., and, Monday thru Thursday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

# Tonight at Heritage Hall

The Alferd Packer Memorial String Band performs a lively stage show that's bound to get you moving to the smooth sounds of their acoustic music. The band's 1870's-era costumes and quick-hitting humor complement their seasoned performances of nostalgic string band, contemporary and traditional bluegrass, and American folk music.

Performing on fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, bass, accordion and hammered dulcimer, the band members create their own sounds and borrow from a diverse selection of musical styles from the likes of Spike Jones to the foot-stomping sounds of Earl Scruggs and the Riders in the Sky.

The Packer Band also presents workshops on guitar construction; banjo, fiddle, and hammered dulcimer performance; contra dancing and Appalachian-style clog dancing as well as the organizational structure and keys to performing in a band.

Come see their show tonight, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the BBQ area.



## On The Menu

**Saturday, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** BBQ Banquet  
Dinner in the Expocenter/Heritage Hall

**Sunday Breakfast, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m.** Get your day off to a good start with scrambled eggs, bacon, danishes, fresh fruit, cereals and more. At the Ramada Inn, breakfast will be served in the Regency Ball Room. At the Capitol Plaza, breakfast is in the Sunflower Room.

Lunch and Dinner will be served for everyone at the Expocenter/Sunflower Room:

**Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Dinner 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

## Did You Know?

First time in Topeka, Kansas? You're in for a real treat! Here are a few facts about this unique locale:

- The original community was laid out in 1854 near the point where the Santa Fe Trail and the Oregon Trail separated.
- Topeka was selected as the state capital in 1861 when Kansas became the 34th state to enter the Union.
- In the mid-1870's Russian Mennonite immigrants introduced Turkey Red Winter Wheat to central Kansas, where it flourished. Today, Kansas farmers harvest roughly 506 million bushels of wheat annually, about 20 percent of the U.S. total.
- Points of interest in Topeka include the Kansas Museum of History, the Combat Air Museum with a collection of vintage military aircraft, and the Topeka Zoological Park and Reinisch Memorial Rose and Rock Gardens (both located in Gage Park).
- Topeka is one of the few U.S. cities to have an official crest. Designed in 1960, the crest was commissioned by the U.S. Navy for one of its ships, the USS Topeka. Once a World War II light cruiser, the USS Topeka was recommissioned by the Navy as a guided missile cruiser.

## Word Scrambler

See if you can unscramble this word. Here's a hint, it's the state flower of Kansas.

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# Gettin' Around the Expocenter

